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ANNUAL BANQUET TENDERED TO GRIDDERS

On Saturday evening December 10 the annual football banquet was held in the dining room in Commons. There were several outside guests in attendance, speeches by all the athletically prominent, and the award of letters to the members of the varsity, second, and junior elevens. The singing and cheering were features, Roff Elliott leading the cheers and Mr. Porrell the singing. Dr. Ingham presided as toastmaster. After a hearty turkey dinner and the rendition of the football song, Dr. Ingham rose and in a short and amusing speech gave the order of speeches and introduced Mr. Reagan, coach of the junior eleven. Coach Reagan ran over the season briefly pointing out the high spots and telling a few humorous incidents. It developed that the youngsters won three out of six games including a forfeit. He then awarded the junior letters. Captain Ralph Craig was then called on and after a short speech of appreciation presented Coach Reagan with a silver cigarette case. Mr. Reagan was again called upon to present the letters to the members of the second team which he also directed. In this second address he passed on to the audience a couple of most interesting and amusing stories which he heard from Myles Lane, great Dartmouth star. He followed with a brief resume of the scrubs work in scrimmage and in their own games. This aggregation won three, tied two, and lost one. He then presented the scrubs with their letters. Captain Richard Hosmer then made a short speech, and the honors were passed on to Coach Gilbert Smith of the varsity. Coach Smith had little to say but began almost immediately to pass out the letters. There were individual comments made on each player as he received his award. Bill Bottger, captain and captain-elect, then followed with a speech of thanks to all who had aided and supported the team this year and ended by presenting Mr. Smith with a Dunhill pipe. The final address was given by Mr. Richard Northrop of Norwood. He stressed the fact that the game of football lasted all year round and was in reality the same as the game of life. The speech was interspersed with several funny stories. This was followed by cheering and selections by the school orchestra. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Bottger, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. MacBride, Mr. and Mrs. Northrop, Mrs. Osborne, Miss Hart, Mrs. Page, Mr. Temple, Mr. Somerby, and Mr. Ingham '24, and all the members of the faculty.

The various letter men were: First team: Captain William Bottger, Marshall Brown, Russell Crosby, John English, Edward Hart, James McClellan, Roger Page, Lawrence Palmer, Norman Smith, Karl Gove,

MOODY LIBRARY GIVEN TO ACADEMY

On our return from vacation we found, piled in numerous boxes in the post office, the library of the late Chief Justice William H. Moody which was bequeathed to the school at his death last spring. Mr. Moody was a resident of Haverhill and always had a keen interest in the academy. Mr. Moody was politically prominent throughout his long career in law and politics and before his appointment as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, he served under Roosevelt as secretary of the navy. It is only natural that in the course of this career such a scholar should have collected a most priceless library containing many books relating to naval affairs and history, science, and law. Hundreds of these books are now open to our use, and there are others of all kinds bringing the total up to about 2000 volumes. The entire works of such old English masters as Shakespeare, Dickens, and others are included; and the works of Longfellow, Hawthorne, Jane Austin, and Pepys are practically complete. The contributions of the great old French authors, Dumas, Balzac, and Maupassant, are also there in full. Hundreds of other books of fiction are also available. Besides this wealth of reading material, the appointments of the library of his home on Saltonstall Road in Haverhill were also given over to the school. These included four beautiful colonial chairs, a pair of antique andirons, and a magnificent portrait of George Washington.

These were also shipped to the school from Haverhill by the executor, Judge Otis Carlton, last week. At the present time they are being sorted and prepared for insertion on the shelves. The library is already full, and several of the less used books will have to be first packed away. There is also the possibility that new shelves will be put up as there is ample wall space. The school is very proud of its gift and expresses the greatest appreciation to the donors.

Edgar Temple, Walter Temple, Caldwell Watson, and Manager Albree.

Reserves: Captain Richard Hosmer, Kenneth Bell, John Capron, Marshall Clinard, Donald Craig, Carlos Fernandez, Charles Fuller, Edward Hessian, Henry Hill, Sidney Levin, Fred Robinson, Arthur Sleight, James Tate, Malcolm Walker, Thomas Walker, and Emmart LaCrosse.

Junior team: Captain Ralph Craig, Charles Buechner, Charles Chase, Harold Dawson, William Gove, Albert Hessian, Carl Padover, Winfield Perkins, Weldon Ray, Lincoln Robins, Henry Root, Samuel de Verdes, and Walter Whitehead.

TRACK TEAM TO ENTER P. S. T. A. MEET

At a recent meeting in Boston of the athletic directors of several of the private schools, the new Private School Track Association was formed, rules were drawn up, and a date was set for a meet. Dummer was represented by Mr. Farrell and joined the association as the first step in the resumption of track activities here after the lapse last year. The age limit decided upon for the meets was 20; that is, one is ineligible after he reaches his twentieth birthday. The events to be contested will be: a 40-yard dash, 45-yard low hurdles, 300-yard run, 600-yard run, 1000-yard run, running high jump, and the 12-pound shot put. The 40-yard dash will be a trifle unfamiliar to our men as our track allows room for only a 20-yard straightaway. Dummer has never tried hurdling on account of the short straightaway, and unless some new men have had outside experience we will be unrepresented in that event. The remaining event will be the four-man relay team. On February 18 the first P. S. T. A. meet will be held on the outdoor board track of Harvard University. The other members of this association are Belmont Hill School, Browne & Nichols, Moses Browne, Noble and Greenough, Roxbury Latin, and Tabor Academy. There will also be dual meets during the season with these schools.

SONS OF DUMMER PRESENT NEW BOOKS

Through the kindness and generosity of Willis B. Chapman, treasurer of the Sons of Dummer, that body of alumni has presented to the school as a further addition to the library a set of Stevenson's works, the writings of Theodore Roosevelt, six volumes of Scribner's United States History, and Professor Copeland's five volumes of the Booklover's Treasury. These gifts are most welcome and will add materially to our sources of outside knowledge.

These two recent additions to our library bring even more closely to view the need of a new library building. Already there are many valuable books stored away because of lack of room, and many of Chief Justice Moody's documents will have to be put away until there is room for them. This seems too bad as they are most valuable and should be left in circulation. The books given by Mr. Chapman, however, are most necessary and will be put in immediate circulation. The present library accommodations and system are totally inadequate.

PROSPECTS OF GOOD SEASON FOR HOOPSTERS

At the present time the chances of this year's basketball team carrying on the fine work of last year's aggregation seem exceptionally fine. There are three regulars back, and Coach Reagan's policy of giving all his men a chance during the year to compete gives him several fine prospects from the subs of last year. There are also two or three new men who are showing ability. Captain Hart will jump center and with his eye functioning as it did last year he will garner plenty of points. Last year he was outstanding and this year he should be even better. For backs there are Bert Temple and Bill Bottger of last year's regulars. Bottger is also a center. Russ Crosby seems to be a fine floorman and is going well in the back position. Wally Temple is another who will be valuable back there. The forwards seem to be Watson, Fuller, Bell and Best. The first two seem to be working best just now but there is little to choose between them. Some are clever floormen and others have very accurate shooting eyes. There seems to be a great quantity of material, all of which is willing and able. There is not much height to the team, but a clever passing game and accurate shooting will offset this. We are looking forward to a victorious year. The schedule is:

Jan. 10. Victor Durgin B. C. here.
Jan. 14. St. Georges School, Newport, R. I.
Jan. 18. DeWitt Clinton Sch. here.
Jan. 25. Sanborn Seminary here.
Jan. 27. Milton Academy, Milton.
Feb. 11. Tabor Academy, Marion.
Feb. 14. Middlesex Pre-Med. here.
Feb. 24. Huntington School here.
March 7. DeWitt Clinton School, West Newton.
Several other games are pending.

PRIZE FOR POETRY OFFERED BY ALUMNUS

Mr. John B. Shearer '05 has recently given the sum of \$10 for the best poem written between now and the closing of school. The poem is to be submitted to the *Archon* for publication in the last issue, and the judge will be Dr. Ingham. The subject matter must concern Dummer or Dummer's founder. This seems restricted but the subject is a worthy one and there is a wide choice in specific themes for the poem. We hope all those with a literary bent will try for the prize by handing in at least one poem. If you happen to have two ideas write two poems.

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EDITORIAL

Despite the absence of snow and ice the winter term has truly arrived and with it the responsibility of the hardest study of the year. This is the keystone term, and the other two depend mostly upon it. In the first term we get under way, get acquainted with our new studies, and find out how to go about them; in this term we are more shut in, and it is easier to devote ourselves to the work at hand and prepare materially for the College Board Examinations next June; and in the last, during the springtime, we are lured outdoors by the spring sports, the long evenings, and the annual attack of spring fever. The last term is the one to look forward to with the most pleasure, and this term is the one in which to prepare for it. The foundation laid in this term by review and advance study will be an aid next spring when the finishing touches are put on.

There will be many things to entertain us at the school, too, during this term. The regular movie programs will be continued, and with the two machines and the success the school has had in getting interesting pictures this will be a most enjoyable feature. The comparatively new films of the current screen stars and the comedies which we have been seeing are very much appreciated.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Porrell have the plans made for a minstrel show to be staged about the end of this month and the practice will begin soon. Those who will entertain will have enjoyment and valuable experience during the practice and the performance, and the actual presentation will give the rest a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. There is also the

chance that the Dramatic Club will be revived if the minstrel show is a success. There is plenty of scenery and material for a regular dramatic performance which the last year's club left behind; and if there is student interest in the first show, this is a likely possibility. With suitable advertising it would certainly be a financial and pleasing success.

At this minstrel performance the new school orchestra will do its first public work before the students since it started real practice. This is by far the best orchestra that ever represented the school; its merits being based on both the balance of instruments and the quality and the experience of its personnel. This team will doubtless play at several outside functions as they did last year, and they should make a hit wherever they appear. A concert would give us a great deal of pleasure.

There are also three sports of this season to take up our afternoons. Basketball and track will share major honors while hockey will be played whenever there is ice. With these to pick from there should be one that each fellow enjoys, and this will make the winter a success athletically. At the present time everyone is out for one or more sports, and the reputation of the school should be carried to even higher peaks by its athletic representatives this year. In every line of endeavor the prospects point to success.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION AT CHRISTMAS TREE

On the evening of December 27 the annual Christmas tree was set up in the dining room and the process of giving was entered into with the greatest joy. This is a yearly event, and it always is entered into in the highest spirits. There are gifts for everyone connected with the school including the faculty, the kitchen help, others employed about the school, and the student body. In the former and latter instances the gifts took the form of pointed remarks at one's best known weakness. There was an alarm clock for the latest riser, dolls and stationery for the amorous, and a shovel and rubber heels for obvious reasons. Most of them caused some embarrassment, but they were all taken in good part as they were intended. The other gifts were mostly given in the same light vein but some of them were quite useful. Without exception every recipient had to stand in a chair facing the derisive audience while he or she opened the gift. The members of the committee who spent a great deal of time in buying and wrapping the presents were Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Skerrye, Miss Brown, Gove '28, E. Temple '29, Elliott '30, and MacKenzie '31. Mr. Jarvis played the role of Santa Claus and explained each presentation elaborately.

The new fieldstone garage is now completed on the outside, but there are several things to be done to the interior. The workmen, however, can now work without regard for the weather; and it should be done shortly.

News of Interest

Mr. Webber of last year's faculty visited school just before vacation.

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The skaters were fortunate enough to have fine skating ice for a week before vacation. The ice is still fair and every afternoon there are a number of boys using it.

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The Honor Roll for the first term contains the following names:

Capron	86
Albani	85
Levin	84
W. Buechner	83
Grant	82

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The Honor Roll for the month ending in December, the third month of the school year, consists of:

Grant	88
Albani	87
W. Buechner	86
Capron	86
Levin	84
English	83
Moulton	82

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The managerial appointments for the sports of the winter term are: Track, Charles Chase; hockey, John Capron; and basketball, (competition still going on).

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In the basketball league race among the intramural teams the Farinas, captained by Karl Gove, emerged victorious with an average of 1.000 and the Grapenuts, captained by Bill Hart, came in second with .666 percent. The race was interesting all the way, and although the Farinas were not defeated they indulged in many close fought games. Several good varsity prospects were uncovered.

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The winning team in the basketball league, the Farinas, had handsome medals of bronze suitably engraved presented to them.

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The members of the winning team in the junior basketball league also received prizes.

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The uniforms for the track team have arrived, and they are certainly indicative of what the well-dressed runner is wearing this winter. The jerseys are white with a small old English D on them and the pants are white with a red stripe on the side and around the bottom.

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On last Saturday evening Mr. Smith called a meeting of those interested in taking part in the minstrel show to be held on the evening of January 28. There was a gratifying response with ample men to fill the fourteen places in the row. The songs have been chosen and most of the dialogue is ready to be assigned. Mr. Porell and Mr. Smith will be in charge.

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As long as you study your grades will
not drop;
But if you stop digging your standing
will fall,
And down will come senior, diploma
and all.

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A young man, puffed with pride, clenched a two dollar bill tightly in his hands. How proud he was to be able to pay a poll tax. Now he could play that phonograph record entitled: "When I Was Twenty-one," without batting an eyelash. He strolled into the city hall; everything equaled his vanity. A withered, deacon-face man was busily writing behind a barred partition. The young man approached and said "Good-day, sir!" rather proudly. Without raising his head, the old man said, "What's the dog's name?" "Er-er-er Murphy, sir." "Just as I thought, an Irish terrier, how old?" "Twenty-er-one, sir." "What! pay two dollars for a twenty-one-year-old Irish terrier full of age and sleep. Worthless! Waste of good money," snapped the old man; and, after a short interval, raised his eyes to see the queer dog owner. His office was empty.

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Alumni Notes

1921

Lynden V. Grover has started an aviation school in Lynn and is president of the company.

1923

"Ty" Sherman, who was the mainstay of the Norwich football team all fall, has now turned his attention to hockey and is the outstanding player on the team. The cadets have played only Brown so far and were defeated 3 to 1, but "Ty" was good for the lone goal of his team.

1924

Trav Ingham had several days with us before vacation on his vacation from Yale.

1925

"Lawny" Whalen who starred in football here before going to Worcester Academy is now attending the University of West Virginia. He was outstanding on the freshman football team. If the famous Pop Warner comes east to coach at West Virginia, Lawny should get some publicity playing under the master football director.

Randall Jackson has one more year after this in the Boston University Law School.

Everitt Terhune, a socially prominent Williams junior, will be a candidate for the hockey team after mid-year exams.

Roberto Andreani achieved some prominence in the Boston papers when he took the position of butler in the home of a prominent family during Christmas vacation. The article bore the caption "Italian Count Takes Job as Lark" and under it was a picture of "Andy" washing dishes. The story was long and made mention of his education here for two years. "Andy" returned to Italy for two more years after graduating and is now a freshman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Eddie Fitzsimmons has transferred from Holy Cross and is now a senior at Boston College.

Paul Capron after resigning from Harvard to enter the United States Naval Academy and passing his exams with an average of 90 percent was declared unfit because of his eyesight. He is now attending the Foreign Service School of Georgetown University.

1926

"Swede" Forsberg after spending two years at Worcester and starring in football is now at the University of Illinois. We have no definite reports, but we do not see how he could be kept off the freshman football team. "Swede" passed all his College Boards but was one of the rejected entrants at Brown and will probably try to transfer next year.

1927

Tom Fearnside is enjoying himself hugely at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

1928

Joe Poor visited school just before

DUMMER WINS FIRST BASKETBALL GAME

On the evening of January 10, the basketball team won its first scheduled game with the Victor Durgin Club of Salem by a 35-25 score. The Victor Durgin Club was led by Kenneth Rowe, former star center for Salem High School. Charley Fuller scored the first basket of the game and, incidentally, the first of the season. Hart then followed with a string of long shots, and the quarter ended with Dummer leading 9-2, and showing a very flashy attack. In the next period the team continued its good work to a greater advantage and led 22-8. After the intermission Coach Reagan substituted for his first string men, and before the game was over practically everyone on the squad had played at some time.

The team slowed down a little in the second half, worn down by their heavier and taller opponents. However, the home team managed to keep its lead all the way through, and at no time was there any doubt of the outcome. Edgar Best, playing his first major game for Dummer showed up very well despite his lack of weight and height. Captain Hart starred for the home team and K. Rowe for the Victor Durgin Club. Each made seven baskets.

The summary:

<i>Dummer</i>	<i>Victor Durgin Club</i>
Best (Bell), rf	lg, Willard
Fuller, lf	rg, Robblee
Watson, lf	rg, Moulton
Fernandez, lf	
Hart, c	c, K. Rowe
Bottger, rg	lf, Dawkins
Crosby, Smith, rg	
E. Temple (Elliot), lg	rf, W. Rowe
Goals from floor: Mart 7, K. Rowe 7. Best 4. W. Rowe 2. Robblee, Watson, Fuller, Bottger, Smith. Goals from fouls: Hart 3. W. Rowe 3, Fuller, E. Temple, Dawkins, K. Rowe.	

vacation. He will be a candidate for the Clarke School hockey team.

1929

Eb Jackson, now a junior at Worcester Academy, was up to school recently.

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Tues. Jan. 17

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Sat. Jan. 14

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HOCKEY TEAM HOLDS REGULAR PRACTICE

The hockey team got away to a good start thanks to the perfect weather conditions. It has been very cold with no snow yet, and the ice is fine for skating. The sideboards have been put up, the cages are out, and practice has been going on regularly. The prospects of this year's team were damaged by the failure of Griggs and Poor to return, but there are six letter men in school and there are a great many enthusiastic skaters who will turn out to be good players. Mr. Farrell has again undertaken the coaching and has directed the long scrimmages at the rink every afternoon. The group is showing the greatest possible interest in the game, staying at the rink from the earliest possible moment to the very last. There have been no definite line-ups in the scrimmages and a team is in no way definite. Page has been in the net and will probably start the games there. He has not had any experience there but played on the defense last year and seems to be able to stop them very handily. No one has yet been found to take his position on the left side of the defense, but English will probably hold down the right side. Brown looks good at center ice and is particularly valuable in that position because of his defensive ability. Palmer is the outstanding candidate for right wing and is showing lots of fire and speed in that lane. Hill and Hosmer are alternating on the left side of the line, and Hill is also a center. The leading candidate for this side is Hart, but he is a basketball player. If he can get into the games it will add power to the forward line. There are numerous others trying, and doubtless they will be valuable as spares. The most likely of these are Arthur Fuller, Gearhart, Eaton, Robinson, and Crosby.

The plan is to schedule games whenever there is ice and carry out an informal schedule. The only definite date is when the team travels to Brookline to meet Rivers School on the 31st of January. Manning, DeWitt Clinton, Amesbury, Needham, Sone, and Clarke will be open for dates.

EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges for the first term. Many thanks.

B. U. News, Boston University.
Lawrence Elms, Lawrence Acad.
Log, Tabor Academy.
Lyre Tree, St. Stephens College.
Nobleman, Noble & Greenough.
Orange and Blue, Milton Academy.
Record, Huntington.
Red and White, St. Georges School.
Sextant, Belmont Hill School.
Tech News, Worcester Polytech.
Tripod, Trinity College.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week the picture *Drop Kick* starring Richard Barthelme is being shown at the Premier Theatre in Newburyport. This is the photo adapted from the novel *Glitter* by Katharine Brush, and although the story has been greatly changed in the adaption it should still be interesting.

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TRACK RESUMED AFTER LAPSE

The prospects of the track team are hard to define as there was no team last year and there are no letter men left over from the year before. However, for three years before the sport was dropped the Red and White was undefeated; and we have been accustomed to predominance in the track fields. Mr. Jarvis proved himself a conscientious and able director and developed some fine performers here a couple of years ago. There are a few men about whom we know a little, but there must be others either modest or undeveloped about whom we know little. At this time it seems that Wally Temple will be the star performer. His forte is in the sprints and the shot-put, and he seems an able performer at both. Before Christmas he casually brought out the shot and in his first warm-up in two years came pleasingly close to the forty-foot mark. This looks promising. In addition he carries considerable reputation as a sprinter on the west coast. There he shone in the 100, 220 and established a private school record in the 220. It is commonly known that records in that part of the country are lower than in this part, so it must mean a great deal. How the boards and cold breezes will affect his work after cinders and a sunny climate remains to be seen, but it probably will not make a great deal of difference. The other who has had some experience is Charlie Fuller who specializes in the high jump. With practice he should do well in the meets. Bottger has the makings of a shot-putter but so far he lacks the coaching. There are others who will develop for the sprints and distance runs, but so far their calibre is unknown. The schedule is still incomplete but is as follows:

Feb. 4. Moses Brown, Providence.

Feb. 18, P. S. T. A., Cambridge.

Feb. 25. Tabor Academy, So. Byfield.

Three or four meets are pending with other schools and high schools to fill out the schedule.

SATIRE ON ATOMS

Come, dear friends, to chemistry class—

Where's atoms, formulas, and gas.
Dear Prothero atoms describes
They're creatures of numerous tribes;
They exist yet we cannot see
But such things there really must be
For Prothero does a contortion
To describe an atomic motion.
He tells us the joy of chemistry
Is believing where we cannot see.
Each atom is different (mind you)
Yet we cannot see them ('tis true).
An atom of CL is chlorine
No matter where 'tis seen—
An atom is a sightless being
Managed by a chemical fiend
Who teaches us atomic lore
And chemical formulas galore—
Thus Prothero teaches us to see
What he believes in chemistry.
In chemistry, sure, I'm dumb
When it comes to a little atom
Which, by the way, I cannot see
But, oh, it amuses me
While Smith suppresses a grin
To see Prothero begin
The atomic theory and gas
Where we cannot follow, alas.